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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: National Intelligence Estimate 85.83
Cuba: Implications of the Military Build-up and
IIM: Cuban Military Actions in a NATO-Warsaw Pact War

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1. For the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum, we wish to combine the subject community assessments into a jointly-chaired NIE 85/4-84 The Cuban Military Build-up -- Options for Castro. Not only will this merger save considerable intelligence community analytic and coordination time, it will provide the consumers, particularly the Navy, with a more complete assessment of the multiple opportunities and perils among which Castro would have to choose should he be tempted to use his burgeoning armed forces in a confrontation with the US.

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